

Programme Specification Pro-forma (PSP)

GENERAL INFORMATION	
1. Programme Title:	BSc (Hons) Orthoptics
2. Final Award:	BSc (Hons) Orthoptics
3. Exit Awards:	Level 1: Certificate of Higher Education in Eye Care Support Level 2: Diploma of Higher Education in Eye Care Assistance Level 3: BSc Eye Care Assistance Level 4 Final Award: BSc Hons Orthoptics
4. Awarding Body:	Glasgow Caledonian University
5. Approval Date:	Nov 2021
6. School:	Health and Life Sciences
7. Host Dept:	Vision Sciences
8. UCAS Code:	B520
9. PSB Involvement:	Health and Care Professions Council for Orthoptics (HCPC)
10. Place of Delivery:	GCU, NHS Eye Departments in various hospitals.
11. Subject Benchmark Statement:	QAA Orthoptics
12. Dates of PSP preparation/revision:	Feb 2022

2. EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The Orthoptics Programme aims to:

1. provide an understanding of the scientific investigation of human health and disease;
2. produce graduates who have developed the skills, knowledge and competence to practice in Orthoptics at Assistant and Practitioner level and who are eligible for registration with HCPC;
3. produce graduates who are able to integrate theory and practice and who are critical, reflective thinkers;
4. foster an ethos of career-long, self-directed learning through continuous professional development;
5. provide students with a supportive learning environment both be inclusive of all sectors of society and be responsive to the needs of individuals, employers and stakeholders;
6. be able to administer and supply medicines in line with the use of exemptions by Orthoptists legislation.

In addition, honours students undertaking the project will:

7. conduct a literature survey to support an investigative dissertation/project;
8. propose reasoned lines of further investigation.

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4. PROGRAMME STRUCTURES AND REQUIREMENTS, LEVELS, MODULES, CREDITS AND AWARDS		
SCQF Level 7		
Module Code	Module Title	Credit
M1B527102	Foundations in Binocular Vision and Orthoptic Practice	20
M1B525790	Refraction and Binocular Vision 1	20
M1B522293	Ophthalmic Anatomy and Physiology A	20
M1B522294	Ophthalmic Anatomy and Physiology B	20
M1B522298	Optics 2	20
M1B527101	Clinical Practice Education 1	20
Exit Award – Certificate of Higher Education in Eye Care Support		120
SCQF Level 8		
Module Code	Module Title	Credit
M2B521591	General Systemic Pathology, Physiology and Microbiology	20
M2B521593	Refraction and Binocular Vision 2	20
M2B527093	Clinical Practice Education 2	10
M2B525442	General and Ocular Pharmacology	20
M2B521592	Diagnostic Techniques	40
M2B526612	Introductory Ocular Disease	10
Exit Award – Diploma of Higher Education in Eye Care Assistance		240
SCQF Level 9		
Module Code	Module Title	Credit
M3B523852	Incomitant Strabismus	10
M3B521596	Advanced Orthoptics 1	20
M3B523854	Advanced Orthoptics 2	20
M3B526753	Clinical Research Methods	10
M3B525791	Clinical Ophthalmology	30
M3B527094	Clinical Practice Education 3	30
Exit Award – Bachelor of Science in Eye Care Assistance		360
SCQF Level 10		
Module Code	Module Title	Credit
MHB527103	Project / Dissertation	40
MHB524789	Advanced Orthoptics 3	20
MHB424315	Investigating Management in Healthcare	20

MHB527095	Clinical Practice Education 4A	20
MHB527096	Clinical Practice Education 4B	20
Final Award – Bachelor of Science with Honours in Orthoptics		480

8. ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

Students should expect to complete their programme of study under the Regulations that were in place at the commencement of their studies on that programme, unless proposed changes to University Regulations are advantageous to students.

The Glasgow Caledonian University Assessment Regulations which apply to this programme, dependent on the year of entry and with the following approved exceptions can be found at: [GCU Assessment Regulations](#)

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Individual Programme Regulations, approved at approval or review, may specify that Compensation may not be exercised in respect of specified modules, for example a core module(s) which underpin a final Honours module, or where **professional standards are required** insist on a pass in a named module(s).

- i) Students may not be compensated in core modules essential to orthoptic practice, namely Advanced Orthoptics 1,2 and 3 or any practice education modules
- ii) Students are required to complete all components of practice education modules successfully.
- iii) A student who fails / voids Clinical Practice Education Module(s) will normally be required to re-enter these modules either during the students' summer recess, or as an attached student as determined by the Programme Assessment Board. The specific dates will be determined by placement availability and opportunity for a period of learning
- iv) Failed practice education cannot be compensated and will require a repeat placement.
- v) On successful completion of the Honours project and with no more than 40 credits of modules replaced (not because of failing a module) the student will be eligible for the exit award of: BSc (Hons) Life Sciences
- vi) The awards above will not bring eligibility to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council register.

- vii) On successful completion of Level Four of the full Orthoptics programme the following exit awards is possible. Completion of this award provides the graduate with eligibility to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council: BSc (Hons) Orthoptics

In accordance with standards agreed by the Health and Care Professions Council, an aegrotat degree, awarded at either Level Three or Level Four, WILL NOT allow a candidate to register with the Health and Care Professions Council. In line with other allied health programmes within the School, such an aegrotat award will carry no other title than Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Life Sciences

HCPC Standards of education and training - 2009

4.1 The learning outcomes must ensure that those who successfully complete the programme meet the standards of proficiency for their part of the Register. – compensation or failure of key components of core modules would not comply with this demand by the HCPC

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The Honours Classification Calculation Set must include all 120 L4 credits 120 and the best 60 credits from L3.